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FARM AND GARDEN.

ROLLING WHEAT.

"C." of Syracuse, N. Y., writing to the Country Gentleman, says: "Ist. It seems to be settled that sowing wheat in this latitude, 24. That one good deep plowing is also best for wheat with two or three shillings of soil, each with cultivator and drag, making four inches deep and fine for seed bed. 2d. That only the best and plumpest of seed should be sown, of best variety, and lastly, that timothy should be sown immediately after the wheat is finished and the ground rolled. The season has been very dry all of August, more so than I ever experienced. Land destined for wheat, plowed, harrowed, and rolled three times, once after wheat was sown. This made the ground smooth for grass seed, crushed containing much raised by drag and pressed the stone away from mower. Cover and timothy, when sown on drillmills, roll down or wash by rains into the track and come up, not covering the ground. One says that the snow in the ground protects the plant. I find, to the contrary, per forms in the track at night, after a thaw and kills the wheat. Rolling smooths the ground, the seed comes evenly all over, the wheat comes up quicker at all times, and the ground is in more suitable condition for a meadow afterwards.

THE CHERRY PRODUCTION.—A writer in Harper's Magazine gives some very interesting and curious facts in relation to the astonishing growth of American cherry production. In 1830 the aggregate value of the cherry and cheese exported from this country amounted to only \$21,000. About this time a farmer in Ontario County, N. Y., named James Williams, originated the cherry for export, and has since been a great credit to the cherry industry of the state. He began to grow cherries in 1835, and in 1840 he had 100 trees in fruit. As a result of the exports of cherries in 1840 amounted to \$2,325,000, and continued to increase until in 1875 the figures were 1,000,000. In 1875 the exports of cherries from the port of New York amounted to 100,000 pounds, and Canada in the same year exported 200,000 pounds. The principal cherry producing states are New York, Ohio, Vermont, Illinois and Massachusetts. Cherries are a very nutritious article of food and the best substitute for meat. The scarcity of meat in England and other European countries has led the laboring classes to adopt cherries as a substitute, and to this fact is largely due the increased demand for the product of our American cherry factories.

BRIDLES FOR WINTER USE.—In cold winter weather, a naked horse is not to be trusted in the field, and the moment it touches the inside of the horse's mouth, it is pretty sure to stick fast, and cause the most possible movement or change of position it is able to. Therefore, the most prudent course is to use a bridle that is made of leather, and if the movement is repeated, any one much unnecessary suffering. Any one doubting this may satisfy himself, by simply placing his tongue to a smooth bit of frosty iron. Owners of horses and ladies would do well to see that all bits in use during the cold, frosty weather are permanently covered with some cloth or leather, or even with a bit of tallow, something to prevent the iron bit from catching on the tongue in contact with the inside skin of the mouth.

It is suggested that in the absence of such protection, immersing the bit and rings in water just before using, will be a temporary remedy, the iron becoming covered with ice, which is protection and not very unpleasant to the animal.

FARMERS, to be worthy of the name, should be conducted so that the name made on the farm be applied to produce a very heavy quantity of some nutritious food for cattle or sheep; thus, the converting of an acre into an extra acre adds to the richness of the soil, so that a rotation of crops, on the side of some valuable crop, and the use of the term or course will find the best better than before, and the manure made on the farm will have increased because the produce from which it has been made has increased, and consequently, on an improving system, the manure will augment in proportion to the crops.

FLAVOR OF EGGS.—There is a vast difference in the flavor of eggs. Eggs laid on clear, sound grain, and kept on a clean grass run, give much finer flavored eggs than those that have been raised on stable and manure heaps, and out all kinds of filthy food. These feeding on fish and onions flavor their eggs accordingly, the same as cows eating onions or cabbage, or drinking offensive water, impart a bad taste to the milk and butter. Wheat and corn give eggs the best color, while feeding them on buckwheat makes them colorless, rendering them unfit for some confectionary purposes.

A BROOD MAID, lately in jail, owned on Long Island, where her husband, and instead of destroying her as is the custom of the universal custom, a veterinary agent placed her in slings, and legs, and in six weeks she was turned out all right and none the worse for the accident. Many valuable horses that are killed because they have the misfortune to break a limb, might be saved by following this humane and sensible custom.—*Moore's Rural.*

CORN FEEDERS do not lay in the winter, for the simple reason that corn is an albumen material in the corn. When wheat is given to them, there is enough fat in it to supply all that is needed for the yolk, and albumen enough to make the white, and time enough to furnish the shell; it does not seem difficult to understand why corn-fed hens should lay as they do, and why wheat-fed hens should lay as they do.

WINTER, with its snows and storms, is at hand. Prepare for it. So that if the small implements of the farm are placed at hand, they can be used when the earth is covered with snow. As far as possible, put over all tools and machinery. There are few farms but some place of safety can be found for all perishable implements.

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